



Minnesota Ag News – Hogs & Pigs

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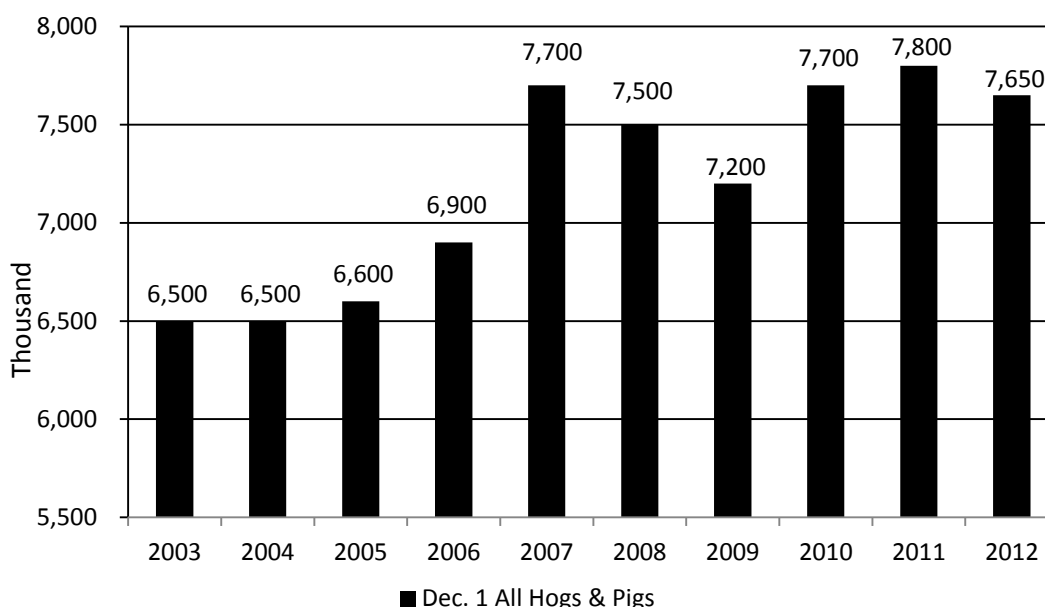
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MINNESOTA HOG INVENTORY DOWN 2 PERCENT FROM 2011

Minnesota hog producers had an inventory of 7.65 million hogs and pigs on December 1, 2012, down 2 percent from last year, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Breeding hogs totaled 560 thousand head, unchanged from a year earlier. Market hogs and pigs at 7.09 million head, were down 2 percent from a year ago.

Minnesota Hog Inventory 2003-2012



STATE PIG CROP UP 1 PERCENT FROM 2011

Minnesota's September-November 2012 pig crop totaled 3.07 million head, up 1 percent from a year earlier and down 1 percent from the June-August 2012 pig crop. The 295 thousand sows that farrowed averaged 10.40 pigs per litter, up from 10.30 a year ago.

DECEMBER 2012-FEBRUARY 2013 AND MARCH-MAY 2013 INTENTIONS

Hog producers in Minnesota intend to farrow 285 thousand sows during the December 2012-February 2013 quarter. If realized, this would be down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier. Producers also intend to farrow 295 thousand sows during the March-May 2013 quarter. If realized, this would be down 3 percent from the same period in 2012.

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U.S. HOG INVENTORY DOWN SLIGHTLY

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2012 was 66.3 million head. This was down slightly from December 1, 2011, and down 2 percent from September 1, 2012.

Breeding inventory, at 5.82 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 60.5 million head, was down slightly from last year, and down 2 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2012 pig crop, at 29.4 million head, was up slightly from 2011. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.90 million head, down 1 percent from 2011. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.15 for the September-November period, compared to 10.02 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.60 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.20 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

REVISIONS

All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 2011 through September 2012 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. Based on the findings of this review, an adjustment of less than one and one half percent was made to the June 2012 total inventory. An adjustment of less than one half of one percent was made to the September 2012 total inventory. An adjustment of more than two percent was made to the March-May 2012 pig crop.

**Monthly Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs per Litter, and Pig Crop,
United States, December-November 2011-2012**

Month	Sows Farrowing ¹		Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop ¹	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Dec ²	953	951	9.81	9.97	9,345	9,473
Jan	954	961	9.76	9.95	9,312	9,562
Feb	936	952	9.83	9.99	9,210	9,516
Mar	986	1,006	10.02	10.04	9,880	10,100
Apr	961	983	10.02	10.10	9,633	9,929
May	970	993	10.04	10.12	9,739	10,048
Jun	988	968	10.04	10.14	9,917	9,815
Jul	966	960	10.00	10.11	9,662	9,707
Aug	974	963	10.04	10.12	9,776	9,748
Sep	996	989	10.03	10.13	9,985	10,016
Oct	975	965	10.03	10.17	9,779	9,811
Nov	959	946	10.01	10.16	9,601	9,615
Total	11,617	11,637	9.97	10.08	115,837	117,339

¹ Monthly values may not add to quarterly or annual totals due to rounding.

² December preceding year.